

# The Baptist Record

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## 700 ROYAL AMBASSADORS EXPECTED AT LAUREL AND GRENADA MEETINGS

**Laurel Speakers Include Gartin, Ballew, Silva, Roberts, And Matalka**

"Reaching Boys-Building Mission Minded Men" will be the theme of twin regional Royal Ambassador Congresses to be held at Laurel and Grenada, respectively, it has been revealed by Joel Ray, Jackson, state R. A. secretary. The Congress for south Mississippi will be held at Second Avenue Church, Laurel, March 16-17 while the north Mississippi Congress will be held with the First Church, Grenada, March 30-31.

Up to 700 Baptist boys are expected to attend each meeting.

Program features will include the ranking quiz, inspirational messages, conferences, workshops, a banquet, election of officers, and visual aids.

Presiding over the Laurel Congress will be Louis McCraw, Jackson, Ambassador-in-chief.

Other officers include: Joe Bryant, Bogue Chitto, first assistant; Lewis Wilson, Jackson, recorder, and Billy Dunnaway, McComb, steward.

Principal speakers at the Laurel Congress will include: J. C. Ballew, Kentucky R. A. secretary; Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin, Laurel; Rev. F. Roque Silva, Cuba, W. R. Roberts, Jackson, state Brotherhood secretary, and Sam Matalka, of Jordan.

The Congresses are sponsored annually by the State Brotherhood Department.

Each Congress will begin on Friday afternoon and close at noon Saturday.

Leonard McElvyn, Jr. of Laurel will serve as chairman of the local arrangements committee at the Laurel Congress.



Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin

### Australians Invite Baptists To Assembly

MELBOURNE, Australia (BP) — Australian Baptists would like to know if any Southern Baptists plan to be in this country in November for the Olympic games.

J. C. Thompson, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Victoria, reports that the annual assembly of Baptists in Victoria province will convene in Melbourne Oct. 16-24.

Any Baptists from America present in Melbourne at that time will be welcomed to the assembly, according to Thompson. He also says that he is interested in some Baptists from the United States appearing on the assembly program.

If you plan to be in Australia at that time for the Olympics, and want to meet with the Australian Baptist group, you may contact Thompson at 486 Albert St., East Melbourne, C. 2, Victoria, Australia.

## STATE WMU SECRETARY TO VISIT SBC MISSION FIELDS IN ORIENT

Miss Edwina Robinson, State W.M.U. Executive Secretary, will visit Hawaii, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Macao, Formosa, Japan, and Korea next summer as a member of the Foreign Mission Board's Tour of the Orient by Air. The Mississippi W.M.U. will pay Miss Robinson's expenses for the tour.

The party of 20 is under the direction of Dr. Rogers M. Smith of the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC. Miss Robinson will leave Jackson on June 21 to go to Los Angeles for departure by plane on June 23. The group will return to San Francisco on July 28.

During the tour they will visit Baptist mission work in Honolulu, Manila, Taipei, Kowloon, and Tokyo.

The best way for one to become really well-acquainted with mission needs is for him to see them. At the Southern Baptist Convention last year plans were made for a number of such tours to be conducted to mission fields as a part of the preparation for World Mission Emphasis in 1958.

### Auditorium For SBC Cost \$6 1-2 Million

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP) — It requires 70 full-time employees to maintain Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, which will be the meeting place for the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention.

The auditorium, circular in shape, has 10,500 seats, 10,000 of which are permanent, and 500 temporary. When it was dedicated after its opening in 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt attracted 40,000 to the dedication program. The overflow stood outside in the streets.

The city-owned auditorium is downtown and is across the street from a new municipal parking lot. There are other garages and parking lots in the area.



Miss Edwina Robinson

(Editor's Note: The Executive Committee of the State W.M.U. is taking a forward step in sending Miss Robinson on this trip. It will give her an enlarged vision of our Foreign Mission work and its needs. Upon her return she will be better equipped to present the mission needs and opportunities. This will be money well spent.)

### BAPTIST HOUR STATION LIST FREE ON REQUEST

A new, revised two-color list of radio stations broadcasting the Baptist Hour regularly, the town, state and time are also included.

In addition to listing the dial number of the 376 stations which broadcast the Baptist Hour regularly, the town, state and time are also included.

Facts about the preacher, Dr. Roy O. McClain, the choir director, R. Paul Green, and the Baptist Hour in general are also featured.

Simply address a post card or letter to the Baptist Hour, Fort Worth 16, Texas for your free copy of this attractive, informative folder.

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### Layman Achieves Task Of Filling Up Church

DALLAS, Tex. (RNS) — Kenneth W. Ritchel, newspaper advertising salesman, accomplished his self-imposed task of single-handedly filling the 2,000 seats of First Methodist church here for a Sunday evening service.

Among those present were some who had never before attended a night service.

Mr. Ritchel used prayer, persuasion, personal letters, and invitations to the entire membership of clubs and other organizations, as well as newspaper ads and radio and television appearances, to make good on his claim.

The salesman involved himself in the challenge when First Methodist, casting about for ways to bolster its Sunday evening attendance, decided on a campaign from January through March. Dr. Robert E. Goodrich Jr., pastor, asked each member of the board to undertake filling one six-seat pew on one Sunday evening during the period.

When it came Mr. Ritchel's turn to accept such a pledge, he almost broke up the meeting with his assertion that getting six people was "too simple." He asked to be allowed to invite 100. Then, several days later, he came back with the statement that 100 was "nothing" and he could fill the church himself.

Dr. Goodrich presented the salesman with a leather-bound hymnal as a memento of the accomplishment. Mr. Ritchel said in thanking everyone for coming that "When you tap the resources of God nothing is impossible."

## Associational Missionaries Really Make A Difference

A full-time associational mission program with a Superintendent of Missions on the field, really "pays off".

The Gulf Coast Association furnishes one proof of the above statement. At the associational meeting in 1946 they

decided to employ a full-time associational missionary. We give below some figures showing the comparison between what was done the year before the associational missionary was appointed and after his work had been carried on for several years.

1946	1955
Churches ..... 17	Churches / 31 and 3 Missions
Baptisms ..... 185	Baptisms ..... 811
Membership ..... 5,063	Membership ..... 11,025
S. S. Enrollment ..... 2,467	S. S. Enrollment ..... 8,204
T. U. Enrollment ..... 527	T. U. Enrollment ..... 3,171
W.M.U. Enrollment ..... 514	W.M.U. Enrollment ..... 1,498
Brotherhood Enrollment ..... 131	Brotherhood Enrollment ..... 648
Cooperative Program ..... \$5,420	Cooperative Program ..... \$58,013
Total Mission ..... \$14,614	Total Mission ..... \$97,983
Gifts ..... \$4,300	Budget ..... \$15,300

In addition to the overall increase in the association they now own a three-bedroom home which is occupied by the Superintendent of Missions.

Rev. O. B. Anderson is serving as Associational Missionary and has served in the Gulf coast Association since the beginning of the program.

"THY KINGDOM COME"

Jackson, Mississippi, Thursday, March 8, 1956

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## 78th Session Miss. W.M.U. Opens March 20 In Jackson

### CONVENTION WILL FEATURE ROYAL SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

#### Sunday School Board Reports On Personnel

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB)

There were 1,133 regular employees at the Baptist Sunday School Board as of Dec. 31, 1955, as follows: in Nashville, 574; in the 47 book stores, 507; at Bridgerton Baptist Assembly, N. C., 28; and at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, N. M., 4. This is an increase over 1954.

There were 291 temporary workers employed. These employees work during the "rush" period when the new literature is being mailed out to the churches for the next quarter.

A total of 1,837 applications were received and 1,560 interviews were held with applicants for positions with the Sunday School Board, according to Leonard E. Wedel, per-

"In Royal Service" will be the theme of the State W.M.U. Convention to be held at the First Church in Jackson, March 20-22. It has been revealed by Miss Almarie Brown, Jackson, President, who will preside over the meeting.

Up to 2000 women, coming from every section of the state, are expected to attend the convention, which will feature the fiftieth anniversary of Royal Service magazine.

Out-of-state speakers will include Mrs. J. T. McRae, of Gaza; Miss Mary Ellen Yancy, Nigeria; Rev. Elmer West, Jr., personnel secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; Mrs. Michael Narango, of Taos, N. M., and Miss Margaret Bruce, Youth secretary, W.M.U. Auxiliary to the Southern Convention, Birmingham.

The social highlight will be the B.W.C. Federated Banquet to be held at 8:15 Tuesday evening.

Over 400 are expected at the banquet, the featured speaker to be Miss Yancy. Presiding will be Mrs. Tommy Hale, Pontotoc, chairman state B.W.C. Federation.

Contributions the first four months of this Convention year, November through February, totaled \$528,754.45, a gain of \$100,283.17 over the same period last year, or 23.4 percent.

The February receipts of \$178,374.91 were the highest February gifts on record and were just short of the two highest months in history, \$179,312.42 in October, 1954 and \$180,316.02 in October, 1955.

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### Feb. Co-op Receipts Show Marked Gain

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for February totaled \$42,945.14 over February a year ago, it has been revealed by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

The afternoon discussion centered about the subject, "The Father's Business in Helping Young People Express Themselves for Christ's Glory."

The leaders who took part in the discussion were: Dr. R. W. Wullard, president of the South Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. Robert J. Hastings, assistant to Director of Promotion, Executive Committee, S. C.; testimonies by U. S. Polk, Chairman, Well Project Committee; Lt. Warren and Sgt. Williams and an address by Mr. Chester L. Evers, President, World Home Bible League, Chicago.

The Father's Business in Helping Young People Find Themselves" was the subject of the first group of discussions.

Leaders who took part were: Rev. Eddie D. Barnes,

President of the East Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. H. L. Lang, President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary;

Dr. Keel; Prof. Frisbee, speaking for Mrs. J. E. Johnson

Crenist Institute.

Rev. S. L. Richmond, Prentiss Institute, conducted the financial reports of churches and other groups.

Total offerings for the day amounted to \$538.91 plus \$300 in pledges to be applied on the first unit of the auditorium for the mission.

Nearly every church in that area, and every school cooperated in the offerings.

The conference moved to Farish Street Baptist Church

Jackson, for sessions afternoon and night on Thursday.

The subject Thursday afternoon was, "The Father's Business in Developing the Home Base." This conference centered about the functions of a Center, or unit, of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Central Center is headquarters for the whole Seminary System and is to be housed in the State Office Administration Building when erected on

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### Romans Is Study Book For 1957 Bible Week

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB)

Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, is preparing the

for January Bible Study Week, 1957. It is to be based on Romans.

"In view of the coming worldwide emphasis on evangelism, a more important study could scarcely be selected," Dr. W. L. House, director of the Board's Education Division said.

Bible Study Week was begun to make possible additional

Bible study for the entire church under the leadership of the pastor.

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## "THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US POWER TO ACT"

By Bernard E. Michel

Spirit always works; He prompts men to action.

Because Christ spoke of the

Holy Spirit as the Comforter we often hold a misconception of

the Third Person of the Trinity.

We think of One who continually sooths and protects us like

a warm comfort on a bed.

Christ didn't send the Holy

Spirit to men just to dry their

tears and show them pity.

Christ knew that when He

would be away, the people

would need a Leader, a Guide,

Someone to carry them victoriously forward through life.

That was the comfort that mankind should know: the comfort of leadership.

The Holy Spirit is not a slide-

line bunch warmer, He is in the

midst of the play calling the

signals.

Neither is the Holy Spirit just

a guardian angel who keeps

things from happening to us.

Rather He makes them happen.

Read through the book of

Acts and see how the Holy

Spirit prompts men to action.

Wherever you find the Holy

Spirit named you will find

someone getting up and saying

**Negro Work . . .**

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West Lynch Street, Jackson. Central Center will assume three-fourths of its expense. The Seminary has purchased a four acre tract of land for the permanent headquarters of the Seminary on location mentioned above and has paid \$12,000.00 on purchase price which was \$16,000.00.

Thus a definite beginning has been made on the \$200,000 Building Program for State Headquarters of the Seminary System. The total amount of offerings which were made at the Farish Street Conferences was \$644.91 and was applied on the Building Project.

Besides Dr. Lewis Rhodes, Jackson, who directed the Conference on the Home Base others participating were: Dr. G. Norman Prince, Dean S. L. Whitney, Central Center, National B. S. U. Secretary, Rev. S. E. Grinstead, Rev. H. C. Cherry, Moderator, Bolivar County Association and Dr. Keel.

The closing address was by the Mississippi Baptist Convention President, Owen Cooper.

The closing conference concerned "The Father's Business in Evangelizing the State, Nation, and the World".

Rev. Frederick L. Brown, B. S. U. Secretary, Jackson College, assisted in the night program. Others participating included Rev. Eddie Barnes, B. S. U. Pastor Advisor, Chester L. Evers, and Rev. W. Constelle Trotter, Evangelist for the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

An address by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, closed the Conferences.

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**The Book . . .**

(Continued from Page 1) up in every circumstance and situation—

**I. You Can Live By It in the Crisis of Life.**

That is exactly what our Lord did when He met the great temptations of Satan (Luke 4). His perfect and assured answer was "It is written", and then he quoted pertinent Scripture.

Does it work for ordinary men in the midst of life's struggles? It does! We recall the young naval officer who, before facing his first battle, read the words of John 14:2 "My peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled. Neither let it be afraid." He said afterward, "I was excited but I was not afraid. God's presence was with me."

Ah, but you may say, "It is not the crisis that troubles me. My problem is to bear the daily burdens of life. Then, remember that—

**II. You Can Live By It Under Life's Crushing Load.**

We think of the man who had lost his sight. As he learned to read Braille, his fingers spelled out the words of Psalm 34:22, "The Lord redeems the soul of his servants and none of them shall be desolate"—and he found peace for his soul.

Yes, we know that at times it seems that it would be easier to die for Christ than to live for Him, but then we may find such a word as Isaiah 26:3 to be sufficient, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE March 4, 1956**

	Steen's Creek, Florence	McArthur Chapel	47	24
Clinton	660	444	282	86
Lucedale	434	156	Mission	27
McComb, Locust St.	120	64	Batesville, First	452
Laurel, Wildwood	246	102	Hattiesburg, Temple	565
Soso, First	187	68	Natchez, City	101
CoHins	179	106	Mt. Pleasant	59
Bethlehem (Jones)	174	113	(Holmes)	63
Sharon, First (Jones)	147	62	Gulfport, Gate	47
Murphy Creek			Memorial	269
(Winston)			Long Beach First	288
Crestwood	629	367	Gulfport, Goodmoor	218
North Side	682	213	Cleveland, Emmanuel	216
Petal-Harvey	370	141	Brookhaven Central	116
Main	329	141	Skene	129
Harvey-Mission	41		Greenwood North	370
New Hope (Marion)	197	139	Providence Lebanon	189
Picayune, First	594	212	Longview (Kibbe)	74
Cross Roads			Furr's (Pembroke)	110
(Rankin)			Jackson, Va. Winkle	683
Antioch (Rankin)	68	52	Glenfield (Union	348
Fellowship (Choctaw)	71	64	County)	114
Concord (Choctaw)	88	61	Aberdeen, First	413
Morton	316	181	Marks, First	280
Springfield (Scott)	116	63	Jackson, Sathside	345
Pearl (Rankin)	260	153	Louisville, East	74
Flowood	141	120	Louisville, First	534
Paul Truitt			Louisville, South	43
(Rankin)	185	127	Greenville, Second	522

teth in Thee."

Possibly your problem centers around your daily work. The Bible is also helpful here for—

**III. You Can Live By It In Business.**

Yes, the Book works "on the job" provided we put first things first. Let me tell you about the salesmen who had begun a failure until he put God and His Word in first place and then became a confident and capable worker. When asked about it, he said, "Being a Christian is more important to me than selling these typewriters." And so he sold typewriters!

And now a final word on this subject which we could easily extend to great length. We note the place where the Bible finds its greatest usefulness as we say—

**IV. You Can Live By It In your Work and Testimony for God.**

We are all planters of the "seed" of the gospel. The parable of the various kinds of soil in Matthew 13 teaches us where and when it will grow—and, thank God, it will grow.

Disappointments and discouragement? Yes, they are part of the daily portion of the one who faithfully presents the gospel, but God provides in His Word the needed strength to meet such difficulties. The Book is full of promises which brighten the pathway of the believer who witnesses for God.

We heard of a preacher upon whom one of those "impossible" tasks had come. A measure of failure had broken his spirit when he came upon Isaiah 42:1 & 3. "Behold my servant whom I uphold, in whom my soul delighteth—he shall not fail or be discouraged." He went forward never again to be mastered by disappointment of failure!

So there it stands in all its beauty and glory—the Book to live by—day by day—yes, moment by moment—in our hearts, in our homes, in our work, in hours of trial and hours of victory—and always in our testimony to Him, and His grace and power.

Where is your Bible today? How often do you look into its delightful pages? How much power does it have in your life?

For every member of the family in your home the Bible is the Book to live by!

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Beware of the easy road. It always goes down.

**Introducing New Trustees Of Baptist Foundation**

J. F. Averett  
Lucedale

Mr. Averett is an officer in the Bank of Lucedale and a Deacon in the Rocky Creek Baptist Church. Mr. Fagan is in the Wholesale Grocery business and is a leader in the First Baptist Church of Laurel.

J. W. Fagan, Jr.  
Laurel

	Church Music Department	W. C. MORGAN, Secretary
Church	ASSOCIATION	
PASTOR		
ADDRESS		
Church Music Department		
Box 530		
Jackson, Mississippi		
Our church has voted to use the opportunity afforded by the SUMMER CHURCH MUSIC WORKER PROGRAM. This is our request for an approved worker.		
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Church Music Department		
Box 530		
Jackson, Mississippi		
The list was sent by Mrs. Frank Ray, Church Clerk.		

**Music Department**

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

**Application For Approved Church Music Worker**

(Summer Program)

CHURCH ASSOCIATION

PASTOR

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The list was sent by Mrs. Frank Ray, Church Clerk.

Signed

Pastor

Church Music Director

Total to the Worker \$40.00

We desire to use the approved Music Worker for the period beginning and ending as indicated below.

June 10-15 July 22-27

June 17-22 August 5-10

June 24-29 August 12-17

July 1-6 August 19-24

July 8-13 August 26-31

July 15-20 September 2-7

(Indicate second choice for dates on blank line)

List the choirs you have at present

Signed

Pastor

Church Music Director

Note: If two or more churches plan a cooperative summer program, please so state and if possible, send applications together.

**The Holy Spirit . . .**

(Continued from Page 1) for the Lord.

Philip was walking down a desert road one day, and the Spirit said to him, "Go hitch a ride with that chariot up there."

Philip followed the Spirit's leading. He went and hailed the chariot. He found it in an Ethiopian trying to read and understand the prophecies of Isaiah. Philip translated that prophecy into a message about Christ for that black man that day, and the Negro race came to know the love of Jesus Christ for all men.

Sometimes men are stubborn and try to resist the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

On his second missionary journey Paul thought he had his itinerary all planned. Then the Spirit told him not to go into Asia, so they passed through

Prygia and Galatia. He started down the road to Bithynia (the area of Constantinople), but the Holy Spirit flashed a stop sign and detoured him down to Troy. It was there that

Paul had his great vision to "come over into Macedonia and help us," and he became the first missionary of the Gospel to the continent of Europe.

There are times when we are explain things no other way than by saying that it was the Hand of God, and that Hand of God reaches down to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

If Luke were to sit down and write the Acts of the Christian Church today, would it be packed as full of action as the Acts of the Apostles?

The physicist describes power or energy as of two kinds: potential and kinetic. Potential is that which is stored up and not yet released, doing nothing. Kinetic is that which is expending itself in motion, doing some work.

The church's potential is tremendous, but sometimes its motion is rather slow.

If a little atom could possibly blow up the world, what about a little Christian fellowship that is really filled with the power of the Holy Spirit?

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**Board Sponsors Tours To Latin America and Orient**

The Foreign Mission Board is sponsoring two tours to overseas mission areas during this summer—one to Latin America and one to the Orient. Expenses will be borne by the individuals who make the trips or by the groups who send their pastors or others.

**Latin America**—Dates: July 2 to August 3. Cost: \$1,756.25 from Miami back to Miami. (This price includes transportation, hotels, meals, tips, sightseeing, and handling of baggage. The price is based on air transportation Miami to Miami, using tourist-class flights where available.) Tour escort services of an American Express escort and a conductor for the party.

**Orient**—Dates: June 23 to July 28. Cost: \$2,374 Los Angeles back to San Francisco. (This price includes transportation, hotels, meals, tips, sightseeing, and handling of baggage. Air transportation is based on tourist-class reservations throughout.) Tour escort services of an American Express escort and Dr. Rogers M.

For reservations on either Smith party conductor, tour, send deposit of \$250 to Dr. Rogers M. Smith, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va. (Checks should be made payable to the Foreign Mission Board and marked for deposit on mission tour.)

**Don't Miss These Features!**

"First Baptist Church, Statesville, North Carolina, will never be the same again," says Pastor James S. Potter. "No longer are our people saying, 'How beautiful is our building!' They are saying, 'How wonderful is our opportunity!'

Read the story of what happened to the First Baptist Church when a young surgeon and his lovely wife dedicated themselves to mission service in Indonesia. It's in the March, 1956, issue of *The Commission*.

## A Look At Parchman

**By Chaplain S. B. Harrington**  
I have just finished reading a letter from a parolee in another state who served ten years here. Referring to his religious experiences here he said "I am glad I served time at Parchman because it was there that I found Jesus Christ as my Savior. With the help of the Chaplain I learned the value of the Christian way of life. Now I am happy teaching a class of boys in the Sunday school of my church." Reading this caused me to decide to share some of my experiences and observations here for the last six years.

### Physical Conditions

One of the primary considerations of the administration is the physical welfare of the population. This is directly related to the ministry of the Chaplain.

When the necessary physical comforts are lacking the religious approach is difficult. Hungry men hardly respond to spiritual appeals. Our Lord almost always supplied the physical requirements of the individual before he discussed moral and spiritual things with him.

The housing facilities are spread over 16,000 acres into eighteen separate units; thus preventing crowded conditions.

Each unit has an average of 130 inmates. These units are equipped with exhaust fans and adequate heating facilities. Constant diligence is exercised in keeping the units sanitary. The sanitation of the living quarters and the feeding of the population are supervised by an Institutional Dietitian. He is responsible for maintaining a sufficient basic diet.

### Religious Activities

Because of the housing arrangement the worship services must necessarily be carried to each unit. The Chaplain's regular schedule requires monthly services at each of the eighteen units, however, with the help from interested workers from the outside an average of three services monthly are conducted in the units.

Among the most fruitful features of the religious activities here is our annual revival which is usually conducted in January. We have just finished our fifth revival. Staff Captain George R. Andrews, of the Volunteers of America, has been with us in these services each year. Mr. Andrews, a layman, has dedicated his life to prison work and has been engaged in such work almost thirty years.

The results of the revival last year were four hundred conversions from the population during the ten days. Mr. Andrews was with us. Additionally the Salvation Army and Gideons have their annual schedule of services here. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has included this work in their mission program by appropriating a reasonable amount for religious literature. With this help and the Sunday School Literature supplied by the First Baptist Church in Indianola, we have active Sunday school classes in most of the units. This outside help from all of these groups has made it possible for us to see that every inmate who desired a Bible may have one.

### Death Row

The religious response on death row has been absolutely miraculous. God's blessings upon us there have been more than we could think or ask for. Special attention has been given to death row from the very beginning. The food for the boys in death row is good and well prepared. Choice and constructive literature, religious and secular, is selected for the boys according to their personal capacity and needs. Daily news papers and a radio are made available to the entire group. With the presence of

God and the privileges enjoyed by the men, death row has been transformed from what the name might indicate into a place of life and hope.

I was host recently to Chaplain Henri P. Junod, of Pretoria, Africa. When we had finished our visit to death row he said "I have been in this business for over thirty years and I have walked 'the last mile' with over three hundred men to the place of execution but I have never been in any death row where there has been as much life and hope as I have found here. It does my heart good to see the attention and good treatment that you give to these boys."

### Gerald Gallego

The first man to be executed in the gas chamber was Gerald Gallego. It is not necessary to recount to Mississippians how vicious this man was when we received him, and yet, I saw this fellow transformed by the power of God into a saint in a very short time. He made more progress in Bible knowledge and the grace of God in a short time than any person I have ever known. During his last days on earth he became an inspiration to every man on his row. His new found Christian character demanded the respect of all the fellows who knew him.

The impact of his Christian testimony is still evident on the fellows he left behind. An inmate now on death row who consistently refuses to consider the Christian way of life said to me recently "while I insist that I cannot be saved I have seen men walk out of here whose salvation I doubted not for a moment. I believe Gerald was right with God as a man could be. While I know I am not a Christian, I have been helped since I came here. I believe my morals have been improved one hundred percent. I have learned unselfishness for the first time in my life."

When Gerald's last hour came he was released from his cell unshackled. He shook hands with each man in death row. He not only told them goodbye but gave each man words of Christian encouragement. He said to me in the little chapel close by the gas chamber "you fellows have been great to me and I appreciate all you have done." Then holding in his hand a small medallion of Jesus Christ he said to me "He'll go all of the way with me." He stepped through the door into the gas chamber and died into a smile on his face.

Following the execution of Gerald the ten men who followed him have made professions of faith in God. Each of these men has walked the last mile under his own power with a religious testimony beyond words to describe.

Colonel Birdsong of the State Highway Patrol said to me on his last trip here "preacher I have been present at many executions and the only explanation for what I have seen here is the work you fellows are doing with the help of God. If you ever witnessed men who buckled at their knees and have to be dragged to the chair, cursing and crying, as I, you would realize how great it is to see these fellows stand up and walk it out."

Instead of death row being a dark dungeon of despair God has converted it into a passage way from sin to salvation, from darkness to light, from death to life. John Wesley at funeral services used to say "our people die well" paraphrasing his words slightly let us say "our fellows on death row die well."

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The lions did not devour Daniel because he was all "grit and backbone."

### A MESSAGE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ALL HOME OWNERS



SAVE YOUR HOME FROM THIS FREE INSPECTION.

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## SIX MC STUDENTS APPLY FOR SUMMER MISSION WORK

Six Mississippi College students have applied for summer mission work through the Mississippi State Baptist Student Union summer mission program. This year the Baptist students of Mississippi will send nine students to the mission fields.

Under this program, four students will be sent to the Northwest United States, one Spanish-speaking student to Mexico, two to work with the Negroes of Mississippi and two to work with the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi. A drive to raise \$3,000 for the support of these nine student missionaries will soon be underway on the campuses across the state.

Nancy Worley, a junior from Pensacola, Florida, and Bill Stewart, a freshman from Gillsburg, have applied for mission work among Mississippi Negroes. Johnny Goodwin, junior from Utica, and Tommy Hudson, sophomore also from Utica, have applied for service in the Northwest. Gladys Saevedra, junior from Chile, and Lucia Herrera, a freshman from Havana, Cuba, have applied to work among the Spanish-speaking people in Mexico.

According to Frank Horton, BSU student director for Mississippi College, approximately thirty students from campuses all over the state have applied for the nine positions. Final selections will be made by a committee working through the state BSU office.

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### VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING

By Alan Redpath is published by the Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, New Jersey. This is a book of studies on Joshua, which is the first of the twelve historical Books of the Old Testament which cover 25 of the most exciting years of Israel's history. Dr. Redpath, who served a pastorate in England before coming to the States, notes that the whole land of Canaan was given to the people of Israel, but they could possess only the portion which they claimed. Order from the publisher or the Baptist Book Store for \$3. A parallel is drawn to the lives of Christians now and here.

### 50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

Rev. J. L. Boyd Sr.

50 Years Ago

The Baptists of Silver Creek, Lawrence County, surprised their pastor, Rev. J. P. Williams, and family with a wagon load of good things everything cool to eat.

And the remarkable thing about it, he says, "They were not welcoming a new preacher, nor even welcoming the departure of the old one." (Mrs. J. P. Williams is still living, now in Mendenhall).

Pastor W. A. McComb of the Galilee Church, Gloster, introduces through the columns of The Record, Prof. H. M. Harris of the Gloster High School, who has become to a very large extent to occupy the place of assistant pastor . . . leads and inspires the boys in their prayer meeting . . . teaches the Christian Culture Course in the B. Y. P. U. . . teaches a Sunday school class, preaches for the pastor . . . besides being a constant attendant and helper in the midweek prayer meeting."

40 Years Ago.

In the W.M.U. Column the Dollar Band is featured, which is a method for young people to earn a dollar each to be divided equally between home and foreign missions. The young people who have succeeded and are listed on the Honor Roll are from two Baptist churches of the state, namely, Magee and Second (Calvary) of Jackson. The young people were: Magee: Edwina Robinson (Sunbeam); John Henry Barnett (Sunbeam); Robert Walker Smith (Sunbeam); Second (Calvary): Jackson: Paul King (Sunbeam); James Butler (Sunbeam); Allen Webb (Royal Ambassador).

Pastor R. A. Eddleman reports a successful revival meeting at Shelby with Enlistment Missionary W. R. Cooper doing the preaching. Twelve were added to the membership, and a good subscription taken for a new house of worship.

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## Rocky Creek Is First To Order Christian Education Material

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The first Mississippi Baptist church to order 1956 Christian Education Emphasis materials from the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is Rocky Creek Church, George County. This order for study kits on the 1956 theme, "Prepare for Leadership," as well as 1955 Christian Education Emphasis materials on "Career-Planning," was received as final shipment of sample packets was being made to Southern Baptist pastors.

This year more than 24,000 sample kits were mailed to pastors in forty-five states including the District of Columbia, and Alaska, Canada, The Central Zone, Hawaii, Cuba, and Australia. Each of these packets contained an order form so that pastors or Training Union directors may order additional study kits for their Intermediates and Young People.

Many churches are now scheduling this annual Emphasis in connection with Youth Week. Each packet of materials contains a Leadership Emphasis Plan Sheet which gives detailed procedures for studying the materials in the most effective and purposeful manner. The Plan Sheet also outlines a special program suggested for presentation on Sunday evening during Youth Week, April 18.

BR

## Northeast Pastors Will Meet March 12

Rev. Maurice Clayton, Program Chairman, announces that the Northeast Pastors' Conference will meet on March 12 at the Nettleton Church, beginning at 9:45 A. M.

Speakers are to be Allison Bell, Tupelo; Don Sheppard, Columbus; James Richardson, West Point, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson.

Lunch will be served by the host church.

The \$15 billion that Americans have spent for television sets and maintenance since World War II is 15 per cent more than they spent in that same time for new school and college buildings.

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REV. MACK DOUGLAS

The conference on General Administration, at our Mississippi Sunday School Convention, March 12-13, in the First Baptist church of Jackson, will be under the direction of Rev. Mack Douglas, pastor of the Cherokee Baptist Church, in Memphis, Tenn.

Brother Douglas was formerly with the Sunday School Board and did an excellent service in the Southwide program of Sunday school work.

As pastor now in Memphis, he is having a most remarkable growth in all phases of his church life. We are so glad that

he will be with us here in Mississippi to lead the conference for pastors, superintendents, educational directors, and other administrative workers. We urge all these to be sure and make plans to be in those conferences with Brother Douglas, March 12-13, in Jackson's First Baptist church.

### LAST CONVENTION CALL

This is our last call for the Sunday School Convention next week Monday and Tuesday, March 12-13, in the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

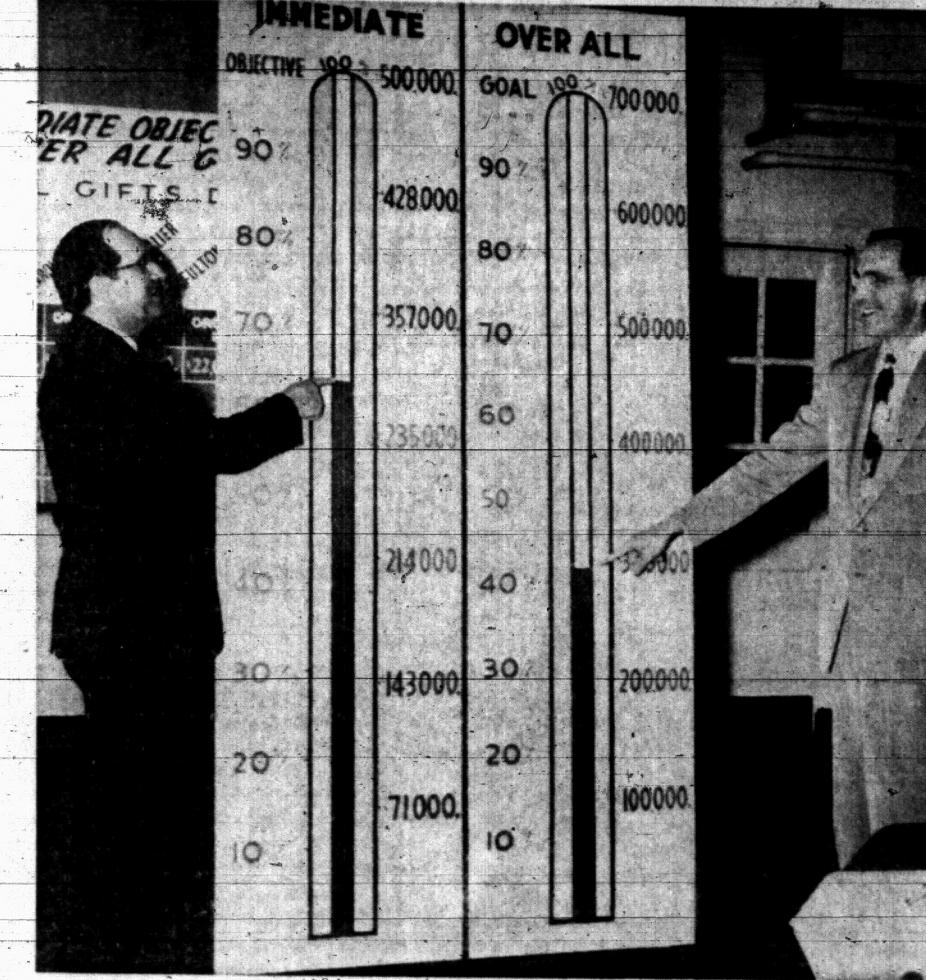
The program begins at 1:45 Monday afternoon, March 12, and closes with the evening service Tuesday, March 13.

Sunday School Leaders and Workers, be sure and take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity right here at home. Attend all you can; get all you can, and go back home determined to make your school a better one.

BR

The best command of language is often keeping still.

## Total Of \$314,749 Reported On Goal Of \$700,000 Calvary's First Report Meeting Shows 63 Percent Of Goal Reached



Shown above is O. H. Kerr, Chairman of the Big Gifts Division of the Calvary (Jackson) Church pointing to the 63 per cent of the immediate objective and C. W. Sullivan, Chairman of the Campaign Executive Committee pointing to 45 per cent of the over-all goal of \$700,000.

At the first report meeting of Jacksons Calvary Church Building Fund Campaign held in the Church, Thursday evening, March 1, a total of \$314,749.66

was reported. According to figures submitted by the Auditing Committee headed by Herman Crawford.

This is 63 percent of the im-

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## First, Belzoni, Opens New \$100,000 Annex

Open house was held last Sunday in the new \$100,000-plus educational annex of First Church, Belzoni.

The new two-story building contains nearly 11,000 square feet of floor space with the inclusion of a covered walkway to the main church building. Fully airconditioned, it has many other ultra-modern features.

A total of 500 people can be housed at any given time.

The ground floor is arranged in such a way that the entire floor space can be used for banquets and recreational purposes, there is a well-equipped kitchen adjoining the adult assembly which will make it possible to serve 200 people.

TO BE MISERABLE, think about yourself. Talk about yourself. Use "I" as much as possible. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others. Listen greedily to what people say about you. Expect to be appreciated. Be on the lookout for a good time for yourself. Shirk your duties if you can. Do as little as possible for others. Love yourself supremely. Be selfish. This recipe is guaranteed to be 100 percent infallible. — Purser Hewitt Clarion Ledger

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**THE NAME OF THE UNNAMED**

Men have played loosely with the facts and factors of life in recent years and religion has not been exempt from their game. It is tragic when the innocent, ignorant and unsuspecting become entangled in the web of deception.

Baptists have long been known as "separatists" in the world of denominationalism. However, many Baptists have been led away like silly women when some project has been labeled as "non-denominational." This has been a magic word for raising funds and gaining support from sincere people who have religious interests.

As a Denomination, we have mission boards, schools, radio broadcasts, etc. These agencies and institutions rightfully expect support from churches which are known by the same name, e.g. "The Baptist Hour" of the Southern Baptist Convention expects support from the Baptist Churches of that convention and their members. By such logical relationships, who should be expected to support "Non-denominational" radio broadcasts, etc.? Certainly it should be churches by that same name—non-denominational—and their members.

If you were to make a list of institutions and agencies owned and supported by Southern Baptists, you could find a comparable list of Bible schools, colleges, mission societies, radio programs, evangelism programs (and evangelists) who are known as non-denominational or "independent." What does all this mean? It means that we have another growing denomination in America today, known as "Non-denominational." This name is their denomination. In several of our large cities there are stores labeled, "The Store Without A Name." It is not without a name, that is its name!

Let us wake up, Baptists, and see that the "Independents" mean to say that they want your support but they are independent of your wishes or control. We Baptists and our forefathers have been wise because we own and control the agencies and institutions which we support. By putting my vote and my dollar into my church I have a voice and a part in every phase of our World Mission program.

I personally believe that Baptists should support Baptist programs and agencies. This means our youth should go to Baptist schools. Close relationship and mutual support are the safe road to success for church and denomination. Through the Cooperative Program and other Denominational channels we can support that which we believe and have confidence that our money and the Lord's time which we bring are doing only that in which we believe.

Denominational loyalty is not bigotry. It is the pathway of integrity for our name and the things for which we stand. As a Pastor, I do not invite "independent" preachers, singing groups, etc. into my church. This, to me is like a man inviting strange men into his home and running the risk of "alienation of affection." Let us build our churches like we build our homes, on the foundation of a true and single love with malice toward none but loyalty for one.

The above editorial appeared in the Kansas state paper and was written by John M. McBain, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Coffeyville, Kansas. A good brother sends and recommends its publication.

BR

**Satan Has A System That Works**

Clipped from the back of a Sunday School bulletin several years ago the following story brings out the fact that procrastination is one of the worst sins:

"Once upon a time Satan asked his helpers to propose ways and means of breaking up a revival meeting on earth.

"One said: 'I would tell the people that there is no God, no devil, no heaven, no hell, and that they should eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.' You need not go," said Satan. "No one would believe you."

"Another imp, shrewd, said: 'Let me go and tell them that the Bible is a good book but that it is only partially true. I would tell them there is a God and a heaven but no devil and no hell and that no matter how they live they will be eternally happy.' But Satan said: 'Only a minority would believe that.'

"Finally the shrewdest imp said: 'I would tell them the Bible is all true and they must make a choice between God and Satan but there is no hurry.' Go," said Satan. "You have the system!"

Most of us seem to be in no hurry to witness to the lost. Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Secretary of the State Rural Church Work Department, recently made the statement that at the rate baptisms were reported in 1951 (more were reported that year in Mississippi than any time before or since) it would take 40 years to win the 750,000 people in the state who are lost now. He further stated that if every one of the 400,000 Baptists in Mississippi would win one person to Christ year, it would take less than two years to win these 750,000 lost people!

Peter Stryker in "Gospel Banner" wrote:

"Never shall I forget the remark of a learned, legal friend who was at one time somewhat skeptical in his view. Said he:

"Did I believe, as you do, that the masses of our race are perishing in sin, I could have no rest. I would fly to tell them of salvation. I would labour day and night. I would speak it with all the pathos I could summon. I would warn, exhort, and entreat my fellowmen to turn unto Christ and receive salvation at His hands. I am astonished at the manner in which the majority of you Christians tell your message. Why do you not act as if you believed your own words? You have not the earnestness in witnessing that we lawyers have in pleading. If we were as tame as you are, we would never carry a single suit!"

Is Satan's system working with us? How many people have we invited to church this week? How many have we introduced to Jesus? How many this year? Have we impressed upon them that "Now is the acceptable time"? That there is a reason for hurry?

As proof the fact that such a system works read an article on another page entitled, "Layman Accomplishes Task."

BR

**Begin Plans Now For VBS**

The coming of spring makes people—and churches—start thinking of plans and activities of the summer.

One of the favorite activities—among the children, at any rate—of the summer is the Vacation Bible School, a definite part of the educational program of the church.

If the Bible School is to be the success it should be and can be, plans must be made far in advance of the time it is to be held. This week Regional Vacation Bible School Clinics have been held over the state looking forward to a summer of successful schools.

In hundreds of Vacation Bible Schools children will be coming to learn about stewardship and missions, to sing hymns and play wholesome games, to read the Bible and to hear—and accept—the message of salvation.

As we did last summer the Baptist Record will this year run a column each week showing the amount of Vacation Bible School offerings and enrollment as sent in by the various churches.

Begin planning now for a good VBS.



Gather the family together around the Baptist Record.

**Our Readers Write**

Dear Sir:

When I saw the first copy of the enlarged paper I did not like it so well; but recalling that "beauty is only skin deep," I looked further and liked it better. May it continue to improve.

Yours fraternally,  
Bryan Simmons  
Ellisville, Mississippi  
—BR—

Dear Sir:

Just to let the editor know that comments are not in favor of the present size of the Record. The old sheet size seems more suitable as a church paper.

J. B. Donald, Meridian  
—BR—

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Dear Dr. Goodrich:

As a Baptist chaplain serving in the Air Force I depend upon the several publications to keep informed on denominational life.

The Baptist Record has been in our home for the past six years or more as a must.

We appreciate the fine work that you and the staff are doing.

The new format is much better. Hope that it stays.

Sincerely,

Eugene H. Blitch  
Chaplain, USAF  
(Member of Calvary  
Church, Greenville)  
—BR—

Dear Editor:

I like all the Baptist Record and especially its new look, but one thing that stands out is the fact that the news in the Baptist Record is usually from one to two weeks ahead of any other Southern Baptist papers that come to my desk.

A Reader  
—BR—

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the new look, and what I think, is more material because of it.

I really enjoy "Man of Distinction" and the editorials.

Christian love and His best blessings on you.

A pastor

Do people generally, and even ministers, think of the difference between these two auxiliary verbs? I was in a preaching service years ago where the pastor who led the service was a graduate of one of our great universities. In his prayer I think he used the word "might" in every case where such a helping word was needed. It seemed to me then and seems to me now that the word "may" in most cases would have strengthened his prayer so far as language was concerned.

And what is the difference between the two words? According to my understanding of them, the word "may" makes a direct request, while the word

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Pastor and Mrs. Fields on

Sunday afternoon of the anniversary invited the congregation to a reception in the Education Building.

"May" makes the wish more remote. One may say that the word "mighty" carries with it a suggestion of humility in approaching the throne of grace, and I confess that this claim has something to it. At the same time, I would insist that the closer and the more direct that we can bring ourselves into the Divine Presence when we pray, the better it will be for all concerned. When the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews thinks of the Person and character of the High Priest, he urges that we come "boldly" to the throne of grace (4:18).

I'm not dogmatic in what I am here saying, but I do think and think strongly, that what I am saying is worthy of our careful consideration. A little more thought and preparation for leading people in prayer would be quite becoming to all of us. W. R. Cullum, Wake Forest, N. C.

Billy Gets Them Told

Regardless of some unmerited criticism and perhaps a lot of jealousy, Billy Graham just keeps rolling along preaching to his thousands.

Daily papers, as well as the Baptist Record, have given

space recently to the stories concerning his marvelous success in India, as well as Japan and in the Philippines.

Always Billy has something good to say, and worthwhile. We think he hit the nail on the head when some

caustic critic trying to trap or embarrass Billy asked him,

"What do you know about the sufferings of Christ? You

have never suffered."

Although we were not present to hear Billy's remark,

we rather think that the questioner shrank away and that

many who wondered what Billy's reply would be felt a thrill of pride when he answered:

"When a Western Union messenger delivers a death

message to a home he doesn't take part in all the suffering

connected with the message. He just delivers the telegram.

That's all I am — God's messenger boy. I don't ask people

to look up to Billy Graham. I ask them to respect Jesus

Christ. I didn't die on a cross. Neither did you. But Christ

did. He suffered and died for our sins."

**Attack On Billy Becomes A Dud**

Just before Billy Graham arrived for his big rally in the predominantly (80 per cent) Roman Catholic Philippines last week, he got some valuable free publicity: Manila's Archbishop Rufino J. Santos warned his flock not to attend. The warning spurred more interest in Billy than the well-organized advance promotion aimed at the Philippines' 700,000 Protestants. Billy, on his way to Hong Kong, Formosa and Japan after his successful Indian campaign, did not seem happy, was diplomatic as usual. "The Catholic Church has been extremely friendly to me anywhere I have gone," he said. "However, I respect the archbishop's convictions."

An hour before the evening rally in Manila's Rizal Memorial Football Stadium, the stands were filled, and the audience overflowed onto the football field. Many had traveled from the nearby provinces. Billy's followers had hoped for a turnout of 30,000; they got more than 40,000. Campaign workers claimed the largest single number of "decisions for Christ" (4,470) in the current campaign. The pledge cards showed that about 30 per cent of the decisions were made by Catholics.

Although most Manila newspapers did not look kindly on Billy ("As elaborately planned as pullfests," said the Daily Mirror of his rallies), one of the papers linked him with no less a preacher than Savonarola. Billy's sermon said the Manila Times, "could well serve as a yeast, to enliven the dormant spirituality of our nation... It is high time that our religious leaders turn to the task of making us better men and women. We need stirring sermons challenging us to good works as well as faith. We need a Catholic evangelist who will arouse us from our sloth of evil living. We need another Savonarola."

The years passed, He began to notice that he was no longer asked to hold revivals, and after he passed his thirty-fifth birthday, churches in need of pastors ceased to take notice of him. He had been admonished and advised not to be in too big a hurry. Now, with twenty-five years of service behind him, right in the best years of his life, he is bypassed. He is not jealous of his younger brethren, but gives them all the encouragement he can. He looks back and sees the mistakes he made in his earlier years and realizes that now he could do a much better job as pastor. But on all sides, he hears the cry, "We want a young man." He waited patiently for his time to come. Now, right in the best years of his life, it seems that he may have to leave the ministry and go into secular work to earn his daily bread, simply because of a current youth craze. Seems that some of the churches are abandoning common sense when they call pastors.

A Pastor

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## Sunday School Lesson

By DR. CLIFTON J. ALLEN

### JESUS INTERPRETS HISTORY

Luke 21:5-38

Our lesson presents a dramatic scene. It was late Tuesday afternoon of the Crucifixion Week. Jesus had concluded his teaching in the Temple. He then withdrew with his disciples to the mount of Olives. As he sat there with them, he spoke in extended discourse about the approaching destruction of Jerusalem, the end of the age, and his return.

Because of its apocalyptic nature, we must guard against dogmatism in interpretation. However, we note the following general divisions in the material: a description of the present age (5:19); the siege and destruction of Jerusalem (20-24); the Lord's return (25-33); admonition to watchfulness and faithfulness (34-38). Jesus was interpreting history, describing the conflict between good and evil, and foretelling the certain victory of the kingdom of God.

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The verses immediately preceding this passage tell in highly figurative terms of world-shaking events which will accompany the coming of the Son of man "with power and with glory." Jesus declared that such signs should cause Christians to lift up their heads with hope and joy. Then he used a brief parable to illustrate his point, saying that a budding fig tree is evidence of approaching summer; likewise, there are spiritual signs which point to the reality and consummation of the kingdom of God.

**What are the signs of the kingdom of God and its triumph? We must answer this question with reserve and humility. First, raging wickedness is a sign of the kingdom of God. Satan is fighting all the more vigorously because he knows his days are numbered, because the forces of salvation and righteousness are assaulting his strongholds of sin. The very insolence and zeal and indescribable viciousness of evil prove the mighty workings of truth and love and redemption.**

In the second place, the vigorous advances of the gospel of Christ are signs of the coming of the kingdom of God. The gospel is being proclaimed more widely than ever before. People are being saved from sin. Redeemed people are constituting New Testament churches. The power of the risen Christ is at work in the world.

"The kingdom of God is nigh at hand." It is always near because the church is imperishable, because the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation, because Christ is coming again. No one can know how near the consummation is. Let us not try to set dates, or

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A word concerning the coming issue of the . . .

### BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL

— By George W. Schroeder

It is with a sense of pride and pleasure that the Brotherhood Commission is dedicating the April-May-June, 1956, issue of the BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL to Christian Education. In this particular issue, the reader will be given the benefit of some choice articles prepared by some of our finest Southern Baptist leaders in the field of Christian Education. The articles are written by men who are considered to be standout personalities in the fields in which they write. Their messages are of the type that can be of value to any and every man who is desirous of learning more about his denomination and how he might personally become a better witness for his Lord.

It is suggested that the secretary of your Brotherhood order an ample supply of the April-May-June, 1956, issue of the BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL at once.

### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

Called and Accepted:

J. Herbert Gilmore, Deer Park Church Louisville, Ky. from First Church, Marshall, Mo.

Joe H. Cothen, Thomasville, Ala. from Second Church, Bogalusa, La.

W. L. Stigler, Brookside Church, Tulsa, Okla. from Grace Church, Nashville, Tenn.

A. L. Matthews, First, Chelsea, Okla. from First, Oilton, Okla.

Frank Elkins, Wewoka, Okla. from First, Vinita, Okla.

Roy J. Ferguson, Jr., Kerns, Ark.

Identify the events of our generation with some specific prediction of Jesus. But let us lift up our heads with confident faith and expectant joy.

### ETERNAL VALUES

The meaning of verse 32 cannot be known with certainty. At least Jesus meant that the people of that generation would witness the destruction of Jerusalem, which was a symbol or type of the end of the world. Human history is a succession of changes. But there are some absolutes and some unchangeables—some things which endure forever. Jesus declared that heaven and earth will pass away but that his words will not. There are eternal values.

Inasmuch as his words will not pass away, his authority will never fail. Those who accept His authority and live under it will never fail. Those who are a part of Christ's kingdom are a part of something eternal. The course of wisdom, therefore, is obedience to Christ's words and discipleship in his kingdom that one may be in a sphere unaffected by the destructive forces of evil or by the perishing nature of the material universe.

### SPIRITUAL PREPAREDNESS

Jesus called his disciples to watchfulness and prayer that they might be able to resist evil in the world and be ready for his coming. Christians must maintain unceasing vigilance against self-indulgence, whether surfeiting or drunkenness or the anxieties of life, that they may be strong to escape spiritual peril and have no dread of standing before the Son of man in judgment.

No one can be ready for this life, for the life to come, or for the reckoning before the great Judge apart from faith in Christ as Saviour and obedience to him as Lord.

## My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. T. L. Germany, Heidelberg

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 3:24)

II. By Mrs. Harriett Deane, Rosedale

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2)

III. By Mrs. W. B. Lucas, Ebenezer

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Revelations 21:4)

IV. By Mrs. J. L. Collier, French Camp

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matthew 16:25)

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The *Baptist Record* appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Washington County Association which met in third annual session with the First Church, Leland, the Calvary Church, Greenville, and the Arcola

Church on October 10, 11, and 12, 1955. The next session will be held at Second Church, Leland, Hollandale Church, and Parkview Church, Greenville on October 15, 16, and 17. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the *Baptist Record*.

### Husband Not In Love

QUESTION: My husband and I are in our early fifties and have a twenty-year-old daughter in college. A few months ago my husband told me very calmly that he no longer is in love with me and to be fair to me he would like his freedom.

To help him financially, I have to work outside the home. He won't take me anywhere anymore—not even to church.

What has happened to him and what would you suggest that I do?

ANSWER: My first impulse is to tell you to see a lawyer and sue him for everything he is worth. But on second thought there may be a better way.

Some men in their fifties go over fool's hill just like teenage boys. They are declining in many ways and wish to have their last fling at youth. It is pathetic but comes as a result of arrested emotional development.

Is your marriage really that bad? If he hates you strong enough, nothing can be done.

Not many, but a few people are wasting time and postage in writing anonymous letters to the *Baptist Record*. Recently we received several newspaper clippings, an unsigned letter, etc. For the benefit of all who are afraid to sign their names to communications may we make the statement that the *Baptist Record* does not give any consideration to any article that is unsigned. People whose motives are right should be willing to stand behind what they write or send. Those that are afraid to sign their names deserve and will get no consideration.

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The *Baptist Record* appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Winston County Association which met with the Oak Grove and Liberty Churches in its 117th annual session, on October 6 and 7, 1955. The next places of meeting are Louisville, West End on October 18 and Harmony on October 19. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

But my guess is that, if your husband has any moral principles, he will get over this feeling and work out a reasonable adjustment to you. Be patient. Only God knows what he is going through.

If I were you, I would not give him a divorce except as a last resort. Be a good, sensible, kind, human wife and see if you cannot make the home so pleasant that he couldn't find a better one if he tried.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

## Man Of Distinction

To show our "sympathy" for the liquor industry we give below some facts about a "man of distinction" that you will never see in one of the liquor ads of that type. But in fairness to all, the bad as well as the good, should be given.

A recent newspaper report told that a 15-year-old boy was forced to shoot his father.

Officers said the shooting climaxed a series of "wife-beating and drunken sprees" by the 40-year-old father.

The officers reported that the man came home drunk about 11 o'clock at night and made the children leave their beds, build a fire for him, and then chased them out of the house. The wife, who was working in a nearby factory (perhaps to try to support herself and the children as much of the father's wages went for drink) came home shortly afterward. The drunken husband soon had the wife on the floor choking and kicking her in the face, when the son got a gun and shot his father.

Certainly this is a "man of distinction." Any man who mistreats his children or his wife is a "man of distinction," although not always of a desirable distinction! And certainly a man who chokes his wife is a "man of distinction." Furthermore, a man who has to be killed by his own son in order to save the life of his mother and perhaps his children is not only a "man of distinction," but he is now a man of EXTINCTION.

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## Richburg, Hattiesburg, Completes New Building



Shown above is the new church building, begun in July, 1955, and recently completed at Richburg Church near Hattiesburg. The men of the church and community did most of the work. The new church consists of the auditorium, choir and secretary's rooms. The educational unit will be constructed in the near future.

The building, valued at \$20,-

000, will seat 350 persons. The furnishings cost \$3500.00.

Rev. J. Ray Grissett has been pastor since January, 1952. At that time they had one-room church with less than twenty members. There are now 180 members, with a full time program. The church led the Lamar Association last year in baptism.

B. F. McCraney was building

program chairman. C. C. Walker, A. P. Stuart, H. B. Moss were chairmen of the committees. D. S. Stuart was financial chairman.

The people gave more money last year than has ever been given in the history of the church. They gave over \$7,000 through their budget. It was the first time the church ever had a budget and they set it for a little less than \$4,000.

tist affairs and Baptist publicity.

Record readers in Hinds County are now listed as follows: BETHESDA, 46; BROWNSVILLE, BEULAH, 57; BOLTON, 27; BYRAM, 110; CHAPEL HILL, 29; CLINTON, 324; EDWARDS, 62; JACKSON: ALTA WOODS, 306; CALVARY, 1515; CALVARY MISSION, 53; CRESTWOOD, 345; DANIEL MEMORIAL, 600; BROADMOOR, 283; ELRAINE, 89; EMMANUEL, 82; FIRST, 1342; GRIFFITH MEMORIAL, 199; HIGHLAND, 73; MAGNOLIA PARK, 32; McDOWELL ROAD, 91; NORTHSIDE, 551; PARKWAY, 889; RIDGECREST, 223; ROBINSON ST., 146; SOUTHSIDE, 381; TEMPLE, 43; VAN WINKLE, 378; WEST, 239; HILLCREST, 162; MIDWAY, 98; Learned, 11; NEW HAVEN, 25; Old Byram, 17; PALES TINE, 21; POCAHONTAS, 27; RAYMOND, 118; SALEM, 38; TERRY, 101; UTICA, 83; WESTVIEW, 128; FOREST HILL, 83

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## Another New Church Starts Right

The newly organized Forrest Avenue Church, Biloxi, which was formerly a mission of the First Church, has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Of course, it was not hard for them to make the decision, for many of the members of the church were formerly members of the First Church, where the Baptist Record has been a part of their program for many years.

Rev. Everett V. Reneer is the pastor.

Record readers in Harrison County are now listed as follows: BIG RIDGE, 42; BILLOXI, FIRST, 324; BILLOXI, EAST HOWARD, 175; BILLOXI, EMMANUEL, 55; CALVARY, 23; Iberville, 14; GULFPORT, FIRST, 861; GULFPORT, 107; BROADMOOR, 96; GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL, 107; FERNWOOD (BOWEN MEMORIAL), 52; HANDBORO, 127; LONG BEACH, 183; MISSISSIPPI CITY, 34; NEW HOPE, 94; PASS CHRISTIAN, 41; Sharon, 14; WEST GULFPORT, 28; WOOLMARKET, 46; LYMAN, 44; Riverside, 5; McHenry, 11; Pass Road, 12; SUCCESSION, 26; TRINITY, 166; GULFPORT HEIGHTS, 48; GULF

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CARMENS, 20; Michael Morris, 12; Forrest Avenue, Biloxi, 15.

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Houston

Not all missionaries are on the foreign field. For instance, there is Mrs. W. A. Robinson who is the former Maudeine Phillips of Philadelphia. She married Rev. W. A. Robinson, who is a native of West Virginia, and no doubt the fact that she is a native of Mississippi had something to do with

the pastor.

Record readers in Neshoba County are now listed as follows:

ANTIOCH, 34; Bond, 10; BETHESDA, 39; COLDWATER, 61; Deemer, 1; DIXON, 22; Emmanuel, 9; Good Hope, 2; HIGH HILL, 44; Hope, 15; LAUREL HILL, 22; LINWOOD, 45; NESHOBIA, 30; NEW BLACK JACK, 21; NEW BETHEL, 29; NEW HARMONY, 22; Mt. NELSON, 26; PHILADELPHIA, FIRST, 298; PHILADELPHIA, BEACON STREET, 68; PHILADELPHIA, EAST, 65; SARDIS, 20; SPRING CREEK, 46.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Lowndes County Association, which met in 121st annual session at South Side and Bethel Church on October 25-26, 1955. The association meets in October with First Church, Columbus, and Mt. Vernon. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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In 1800 it took nine men on the farm to produce food for themselves and one other person; today one farmer produces for himself and seventeen others.

Interested in doing mission

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## RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. Open to Baptist Young People, Ages 13-24, living within the Continental limits of the United States.
2. Submit names, addresses and telephone numbers of unattached Baptists now living in the Washington, D. C. area, within a five-mile limit of Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church, or who will move to this area during the year. The winner: the person who sends in the largest number of names.
3. Duplicate names sent in will be credited to the first one who sends them.
4. Deadline for entering the contest will be September 1, 1956.
5. Names submitted every month, on or before 1st of each month, and by midnight, March 31, 1957.
6. Contestants must have letter of recommendation from their pastor.

7. Contestant to use own publicity and promotional methods to discover names of unattached Baptists.

## NOTE TO BAPTIST PASTORS, AND OTHER INTERESTED LEADERS

It has been estimated that there are between seven and ten thousand unattached Baptists in Washington. There is no earthly way of knowing how many, but we do know that we only have approximately 32,000 members of Baptists churches in the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. If this area were up to the average where Baptists work, we should have 100,000 members. Please encourage your young people to enter this contest.

Pastor James A. Bryant, of Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church, 3920 Alton Place, N. W., Washington 16, D. C., offers this two weeks' vacation during the Cherry Blossom season, or any season the winner chooses, in a special effort to discover and enlist these unattached Baptists in the work of the Master.

(Editor's Note: Pastor Bryant is a Mississippian and went from a McComb pastorate to his present Washington post.)

## Hurley Church Reports Progress

According to Rev. Ralph V. Walker, Sr., Hurley Church recently poured the foundation for a new educational annex.

The membership has grown from 49 in October, 1953 to 160 at the present. The Sunday School has grown in the past two years from 58 to 160, and the Training Union from 35 to 102. The prayer meeting has grown from two people the first night (one of these the pastor) to an average attendance of 50.

Mission gifts have grown from \$141.50 to \$760.00, and the total budget from \$1013 to \$7500.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 35th annual session of the Alcorn County Association which was held with the Shiloh Church on September 22 and the Holly Church on September 23, 1955. The next regular meeting will be held with the West Corinth and the Rienzi Churches on September 20 and 21. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

Hurley Church, one of the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY churches, owns an eight-room parsonage.

The church received pastoral and building aid from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for one year.

## Baptist Student Union

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## FOCUS DAY LEADERS



Pictured above are Rev. E. Wayne Coleman, left, Pastor of First Church, Natchez, and Mr. Charles Fenn, of the I. C. Railroad McComb, who are to participate in the Baptist Focus Day at Southwest Jr. College, March 22. Pastor Coleman is to speak in Chapel on "Christian Courtship" and is to lead a seminar on "What Baptists Believe." Mr. Fenn is to lead a seminar on "Giving God Priority" and is to speak on "Personal Witnessing Through the Church" in a symposium.

Others who are to appear in the Focus Days (March 19-22) at Miss. Southern, Hinds Jr. and Southwest Jr. are Miss Jane Ray Bean, Nashville, Tenn.; E. Milford Howell Southern Baptist Missionary in Nigeria; Mrs. W. Lowery Comper, Newton; Miss Anne Bailey, Jackson; Rev. Roy Collum, Liberty, and Rev. W. Henry Crouch Jackson.

## Miscellanea

Be praying and planning for our State Retreat for BSU Officers, Jones Jr. College, April 13-15.

Adult Baptists, do you want a hopeful future? May we suggest, then, that you support and encourage all we are trying to do among your young people to the greatest possible extent for we are working among your future leaders.

If I had money, I would seriously consider making a large contribution to the much-needed Baptist Student Center at Miss. State.

High school seniors and college pastors should be encouraged to attend Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, June 7-13, along with about 200 Mississippi Baptist college students.

Our Convention date and place are definitely set, now, for December 7-9 at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian.

Interested in doing mission

work in the West while working for good wages? Write Rev. Fred McCaulley, Director Southern Baptist Tentmakers, 161 Spring Street N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Recruits for Christ, the Foreign Mission Bd. film which can be booked free from our office, continues to be used to bless many.

Youth-led Revival volunteers, write us as soon as possible. A number have already.

With a generous contribution from the Wm. L. Shaws, of Gretna, La., the Student Summer Missions Fund now stands at \$985.49, which means we need \$104.51 to reach our goal of \$1000.

Approximately two hours of BSU Methods at Miss. Southern, Noontday and conferences at Itawamba Jr.; Morning Watch, BSU Assembly and conferences at Northeast Jr.; devotional time in the Expansion and Stewardship Conference at Parish St. Church, Jackson; showing "Spirit of BSU" and talking on "Love, Courtship and Marriage" along with the wife, at Baptist Hospital's Mid Winter Retreat comprise our recent meanderings, all filled with blessings.

"Why God?" with Pastor Russell McIntire, of Clinton Church, and other speakers of other denominations, was theme of Miss. Southern's recent REW.

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Vuherd (Have you heard) is name of Miss. Southern's new BSU paper. Quite clever name; very readable sheet.

94 unsaved reported from Perkinson Jr., 1 from Blue Mtn., 40 from Holmes Jr. One at Blue Mtn. was converted and joined the local church last month. Holmes Jr. BSUers began a Noontday Prayer Meeting last month.

67 average at MSCW's Noon day last month. Other averages: S.S. — 72; T.U. — 47; Y.W.A. — 38; Twilight — 11.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the seventh annual session of the Lamar County Association which was held with the Military Church on October 10 and 11, 1955. The next meeting will be with the Richburg Church on October 15 and 16. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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reach thirteen years by April 1, and whose seventeenth birthday shall not come before April 1 of the year in which the drill is conducted, are eligible.

## Procedure

In the Sword Drill the Intermediates will be divided into two groups: 13 and 14 years of age as Group I—15 and 16 years of age as Group II. Prior to the announced time of your associational eliminations (probably in April or May) it will be necessary to have a Sword Drill in each union to select the union representative in the Departmental or Church-wide Drill. In the Department or Church-wide Drill, one Intermediate in each group will be selected to represent the church in the Associational Drill.

1. Each church is entitled to send a representative from each group to the Associational Drill.

2. The Associational Drill as well as the District Drill will be conducted in such a way that two representatives may be selected, one to represent each group.

3. An elimination on a regional basis will be held prior to the state finals at the State Training Union Assemblies at Kittatinny, in July, at which time all district winners regardless of prior grouping will participate and be judged. Two Intermediates from each region will appear on the assembly program in the state finals.

4. Mississippi will be represented in the Southwide Sword Drill at Ridgeway, North Carolina, the week of July 19-25.

The verses to be used in the Associational, District, Regional, State, and Southwide Drill are printed in "Intermediate Union Quarterly I" and "Intermediate Union Quarterly II."

In the January, February, March, 1956, issues of the quarterlies a reprint of all references for July through December of 1955 will be found. The Sword Drill material for responsible begins with July, 1955, and goes through June, 1956.

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## Sidon Church Ordains

## Glynn Wiggins

"On February 26 Glynn Wiggins was ordained to the ministry by the Sidon Church, Leflore Association, at the request of the Harmony Church, Carroll Association. Mr. Wiggins has recently been called as pastor of the Harmony Church.

Pastor Dan Morton, Calvary Church, Greenwood led the council in the examination of Mr. Wiggins.

Pastor John B. Daley, Sidon Church, presided over the ordination service, preached the ordination sermon and presented the Bible to the candidate.

Pastor Robert Foy, Cruger Church, delivered the charge to the candidate; Dr. J. H. Kyzer, First Church, Greenwood, gave the charge to the church; Pastor Marcus Alexander, Schlater Church, led the ordaining prayer.

Mr. Wiggins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wiggins of Sidon. He is a student at Mississippi College.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Lincoln County Association which met in 84th annual session with the Mt. Moriah Church on October 20 and 21, 1955. The next session will be held with the Macedonia and Pleasant Grove Churches on October 25 and 26. The attractively prepared minutes are dedicated to W. L. McGraw, "one who served faithfully and untiringly as its Treasurer for 27 years. Not only was he faithful to this task but to every undertaking anywhere, in our county." Mr. McGraw died on October 4, 1955.

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Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead! Fill their lives with sweetness! Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled by them.

—Henry Ward Beecher

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**Elim Church (Clarke) Ordains New Pastor**

Elim Church in Clarke County ordained Rev. Virgil McBride, Mississippi College student, formerly of Durant, on Sunday afternoon, February 26.

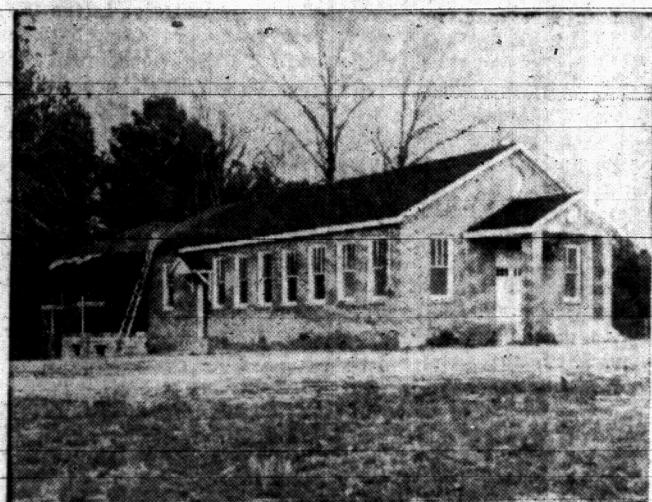
Rev. Al Finch, DeSoto, presented the presbytery findings; Rev. J. S. Nobles, Jr., Meridian, led the ordination prayer; Rev. C. M. Day, Jackson, preached the ordination sermon; Rev. Albert H. Miller, Meridian, gave the charge to the church; E. A. Collins, chairman of the deacons, presented the Bible to Rev. and Mrs. McBride.

Elim had called Mr. McBride as their pastor several weeks ago.

Mrs. McBride is the former Marie Atwood of Jefferson, North Carolina.



Rev. Virgil L. McBride



Shown above is the Elim Church in Clarke County, onto which is being built an annex, with Sunday School rooms and a recreation room. The church was organized in 1838. Rev. Virgil L. McBride is the pastor.

**THE RURAL PASTOR OF THE YEAR**

By CARL A. CLARK

Associate Professor  
Pastoral Ministry and Rural  
Church Work Southwestern  
Baptist Theological Seminary  
Fort Worth, Texas

We have found so many rural pastors who seem to be ashamed of the fact that they were pastors of country churches that it is quite refreshing to find a capable and dedicated young man happily engaged in a successful rural church venture.

We visited recently with Rev. James B. Thompson, pastor of

Tabernacle Church, Pickton, Texas.

Last October he was chosen as the rural pastor of the year by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Pickton is a very small village in the dairy country southeast of Sulphur Springs, Texas. The church has 201 members, with 167 enrolled in Sunday School, and an average attendance of approximately 100. They have 122 enrolled in Training Union, with approximately 72 average attendance.

Mr. Thompson has been with

**REV. AND MRS. ELTON MOORE BEGIN 2ND YEAR IN JAVA**

Rev. and Mrs. Elton Moore, beginning their second year of missionary service in Indonesia, have recently moved to Kediri in southeast Java, where they are the first full-time evangelistic workers in that needy city of nearly two hundred thousand people.

This young seminary is the Southern Baptist answer to the call of the Pacific West, with its uncared-for and unchurched millions and its limitless opportunities. I have not been able to get away from the conviction that a period of my ministry can best be invested where the need is greatest and my experience in theological education can under God count for the most.

My wife and I are grateful to Southern Seminary for "lending" us to Golden Gate in this its time of transition and growth, as it prepares to move to its new campus and take its place among the notable seminaries of the Convention and the nation.

**A Comparison**

The mule, he is a gentle beast; and so is man. He's satisfied to be the least; and so is man. Like man, he may be taught some tricks; he does his work from 8 to 6; the mule, when he gets mad, he kicks; and so does man.

The mule, he has a load to pull; and so has man. He's happiest when he is full; and so is man. Like man, he holds a patient poise, and when his work's done will rejoice. The mule, he likes to hear his voice, and so does man.

The mule, he has his faults, 'tis true; and so has man. He does some things he should not do, and so does man. Like man, he doesn't yearn for style, but wants contentment all the while. The mule, he has a lovely smile, and so does man.

The mule is sometimes kind and good; and so is man. He eats all kinds of breakfast food; and so does man. Like man, he balks at gaudy dress, and outlandish foolishness. The mule's accused of mulishness; and so is man—Christian Observer.

**Only 88 Percent Efficient**

The Roman Catholic Church is rated 88 per cent in overall administrative efficiency. This is the result of an eight-year-long "management audit" by experts.

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Recalling, however, the totalitarian government of the church, we might be permitted to raise a question as to why this 12 percent deficiency.

In a situation where the hierarchy makes the decisions and where compliance with orders may be brought about by withholding the sacraments which, to Catholics, are essential to salvation, it would seem to be a serious matter that there is not total efficiency.

Many times we may wish that our more democratic church bodies had more efficiency; we could stand great improvement; but the price of such near-perfection is too great for us to be willing to pay.—The Presbyterian Outlook.

the Pickton Church almost three years and has led the church in remarkable progress, especially during the recent year in which they enrolled in the Recognition and Achievement Program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. I asked him what his church did that justified its selection as the Rural Church of the Year, 1954, and his selection as the Rural Pastor of the Year. He gave me a few of the things they accomplished.

**RECOGNITION AND ACHIEVEMENT**

The first step of progress they undertook in the year's program was the improvement of the Primary and Junior Departments. They were re-decorated, repainted, new light fixtures installed, and folding partitions installed, providing for a large fellowship hall. The second project was the installation of automatic central heating for the auditorium, which was done in November. The third step was a series of general improvements. These included the enlargement and re-decoration of the Nursery, a new kitchen and kitchen appliances, re-decoration of the hallways of the educational building, the installation of two new rest rooms, the provision of storage space for literature for all departments, installation of a cooling system for the educational part, renovation of the floors of the auditorium, and a complete outside paint job.

Organizationally, they began a new Junior Choir and instituted a special music program given by the church choir, attended the District Music Festival, transferred from fixed item to a percentage basis of mission giving, in which the church is now giving 15 per cent of all money, including building fund, to the Cooperative Program, and approximately 10 per cent additional to designated items, making a total of 25 per cent to all outside causes. They also organized a Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band to keep pace with the Royal Ambassador, which they already had. The Junior Training Union was departmentalized and visual aids program was inaugurated.

Special emphasis was given to the youth, with the conducting of a monthly youth fellowship, a Sweetheart banquet, a

Christmas banquet, for the Intermediates and Young People, observation of Youth Week and youth-led revival, and stepping up the recreation program.

Last year the church built a lighted shuffle board court, a lighted volleyball court, with provision for ping pong and horse shoes. They also prepared a lighted softball field, though there are other softball fields in the community.

**DEVELOPING LEADERS**

The church field has been extremely well evangelized in the past few years. Previous pastors have done good work. The recent census shows less than ten total evangelistic prospects. Last year the church had three study courses, observed January Bible Study, in February had a training school for Sunday School workers, and later had a Training Union study course with 114 enrolled and 87 awards. I sat in an Adult Union in which there has not been a single part read from the quarterly in the last year and one-half. Mr. Thompson estimated that 75 to 80 percent of his people read their Bibles every day. The average in Sunday School is about 85 percent of its members making 100 per cent. Last year the per capita giving of his church was \$60.00, which is far above the average of \$35.00.

The church has a very active Brotherhood, with one of its members serving as the president of the associational Brotherhood. During the past year this organization went to three neighboring churches and helped organize Brotherhoods. Brother Thompson says the church throughout the years has produced a large number of outstanding religious workers. In the forty-nine years of its history, the church has produced one home missionary, three foreign missionaries, and four other ordained preachers.

I asked him, "How could your church do so much in so short a time?" The pastor replied that, first, he had a very progressive group of people and they had been well trained before he came.

Second, they had done most of the work through delegating responsibilities to various planning committees.

Third, the Recognition and Achievement inventory sheet

proved to be a very strong encouragement to his church.

Fourth, he had majored on using his laymen to present various matters of progress.

Fifth, they have conducted a strong training program for local leadership. For example, an adult who has a major part in Sunday School is requested to sit in an Adult Union on Sunday night. Likewise, one who has a heavy responsibility in Training Union only sits in the Sunday School program.

**A WORKABLE TOOL**

Since he received the state Recognition and Achievement Award, I asked him, "What do you think is the value of this matter of giving special recognition to rural pastors and churches who make significant progress?" Brother Thompson replied, that, first, the Recognition and Achievement Program is timed to our rural church problems. Rural churches are becoming more conscious of their responsibility to minister to the needs of the community. They must be challenged to a higher quality of work where they cannot reach large numbers of people.

Many rural churches cannot be bigger churches, but can be better churches. Second, Thompson says that the Recognition and Achievement Program is adapted to rural people. This program is not made and, as a whole, is not usable in city situations. It is made particularly for rural conditions. He said that, further, this program is geared to rural progress. The pastor who wants to lead his church in a progressive pattern of growth will find this program very encouraging to that growth.

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The minutes of the thirty-fifth annual session of the Madison County Association have been sent to the Baptist Record. The meeting was held with the Flora Church, Canton in October, 1955. The places where the next sessions are to be held have not yet been decided. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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St. Louis, Mo., church and civic leaders recently honored C. Oscar Johnson on his 25th anniversary as pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis.



Shown above are five girls who attend Calvary Church, Starkville, who have excellent attendance records in Sunday School attendance.

Left to right, they are Donna Gail Bell, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bell, who has three years perfect attendance; Judy Tomlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tomlin, who has one year perfect attendance; Wendy Wofford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wofford, who has two years perfect attendance; Jewell Clanton, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Clanton, who has 18 months perfect attendance; and Patricia Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bell, who has three years perfect attendance. Rev. Pete Steelman is the pastor.

had been treated "fairly well" in prison but that "the mental pressure was terrific."

"They even took my Bible away," he said, "and for three and one-half years I had to read and discuss Communist literature and express Communist opinions. Anyone who did not was landed on with both feet."

"One time I was kept handcuffed until I would say that the United States started the war in Korea and that Japanese troops there would be dangerous to China."

Mrs. Ida Lovegren and the daughter, Mildred, met the missionary at Hong Kong, and accompanied him to Ajloun Jordan, to recuperate at a Southern Baptist mission hospital of which the Lovegrens' son, Dr. Lloyd August Lovegren, is superintendent.

While they were there, the hospital was attacked and partially destroyed by rioting opponents of Jordan's proposed entry into the Middle East Treaty Organization. The rioting was quelled on the second day by Jordanian troops who took the Lovegrens to the American Embassy at Amman from where they went on to Jerusalem.

**Roger Williams Wins Charter For Rhode Island Territory**

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PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, September 17, 1644 — (BP) — Roger Williams, the brilliant preacher, statesman and diplomat, today was named chief officer of the newly created territory of Rhode Island following his triumphant return from England where he secured a charter for Rhode Island from Parliament.

With the well-earned charter granting Rhode Island towns "full authority to rule themselves" in hand, Williams was met yesterday at Seekonk by a flotilla of fourteen canoes. Following a warm reception, the flotilla formed an honor guard to escort Williams across Narragansett Bay to Providence. With news of Williams' successful mission to England, the General Assembly promptly elected him head of the new territory.

The charter unites the towns of Providence, Newport, and Portsmouth into the "Incorporation of Providence Plantation on the Narragansett Bay in New England." The towns have the right under the charter to rule themselves "by such form of civil government as by voluntary consent of all or the greater part of them they shall find most suitable to their estate . . . provided that the said laws . . . be conformable to the laws of England . . ."

Williams did not win the charter from Parliament without a struggle. Rhode Island has been barred from the New England Confederation as members find Williams' views on individual religious and political freedom "shocking." Members of the confederation also are covetous of the Rhode Island territory for themselves.

In England agents of the New England Confederation attempted to frustrate the efforts of Williams, to the extent of drawing up a parchment which purported to grant the Rhode Island territory to Massachusetts.

If it had not been for the help of some very kind and valuable friends, I might not have been so successful," Williams modestly confessed today. "My old friend Oliver Cromwell was helpful; but it was the truly noble Sir Henry Vane who did most to procure the charter. It was granted on March 14."

The charter brings a number of advantages. It protects Rhode Island from the designs of the New England Confederation, gives the territory unity and strength — especially in the event of attack from Indians or other invaders — and gives legal force to the land titles which have been purchased from the Indians.

Banished from the Massachusetts territory for his radical religious and political views, Williams was not allowed to sail from Boston when he left for England in March of last year. But for the return trip the farsighted preacher secured a safe-conduct visa from Parliament granting him permission to travel through Massachusetts territory. Authorities dared not detain Williams when he landed in New England.

The trip was a busy one for the versatile leader. Williams arrived in Manhattan in the midst of an Indian war and was asked to arbitrate before sailing for England. A man of much influence with the Indians, Williams as usual was able to effect a peaceful settlement.

Since he left for England Williams has published two important books. *The Bloody Tenant of Persecution*, a masterful defense of separation of church and state and individual liberties, and *Key to the Indian Language*, a volume on American Indians.

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